

Next year, we will be conducting the decennial census, our constitutionally mandated survey of the nation's population. The census is a count of everyone residing in the United States, and the results help determine each state's congressional representation and how much federal funding is allocated to our districts. They also help shape decisions by the national and local governments, such as where to increase services for the elderly, or where to build new roads, schools, or houses. Thus, the decennial count will have a significant impact in investments in our area, and it is important that everyone be counted.

One key element of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) that I advocated for was additional funding for the 2010 United States Census. The ARRA provided \$1 billion in additional funding to hire new personnel, address operational and program risks, and to increase outreach efforts to hard-to-count communities in the 2010 census.

I recently met with several representatives from the Census Bureau, and was pleased to hear that they are already putting these funds into action by hiring new personnel in the Bay Area and around the country. Recruiting for some field operations staff is still in progress, and recruitment for peak census operations will start this fall, and continue until the spring of 2010.

Visit the Census website to learn more about these important and rewarding [jobs with the census](#), or call 866-861-2010.